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SUBJECT: IEA - BUNKERS WORKING PARTY GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING MAY BE USED FOR GUIDANCE BY US DEL IN
BUNKERS (WORKING PARTY) DISCUSSIONS, PARIS, JANUARY 7 AND
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2. AVIATION BUNKERS: COMMON ACTION BY PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES ON MAINTENANCE AND CONSUMPTION OF AVIATION
BUNKERS DURING CRISIS IS DESIRABLE WITH CONSTRAINTS
LIMITED TO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS (SUBJECT TO LATER
DEFINITION). US CONSIDERS PRICE DISCRIMINATION ON AVIATION
BUNKERS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND BELIEVES BUNKERS MAINTAINED
UNDER IEP SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT NON-DISCRIMINATORY
PRICE TO CARRIERS OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.
ESTABLISHING PRE-DETERMINED LEVELS OF DEMAND RESTRAINT
IN EXCESS OF FIVE PERCENT OF BASE PERIOD CONSUMPTION MAY
LIMIT ADAPTABILITY TO FUTURE CRISIS. DEMAND RESTRAINT
LEVELS GREATER THAN FIVE PERCENT SHOULD BE DETERMINED
AFTER CASE-BY-CASE STUDY. US GENERALLY SUPPORTS AVIATION
INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP TO ASSIST IEA/SECRETARIAT IN
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ASSESSMENT OF CRISIS AND IN RECOMMENDING ALTERNATIVE

COURSES OF ACTION.

3. MARINE BUNKERS: WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE POSITION ON QUESTION OF NEED TO ESTABLISH MARINE BUNKER RESERVES UNTIL WE HAVE MORE COMPLETE DATA ON CURRENT BUNKER LEVELS, STORAGE CAPACITY, AND HISTORICAL PATTERNS OF CAPACITY UTILIZATION. IF SUFFICIENT STORAGE CAPACITY ALREADY EXISTS, BUNKER AVAILABILITY MIGHT BE ASSURED BY GOVERNMENTS UNDERTAKING TO ENSURE STORAGE FULLY UTILIZED WITH ANY INCREMENTAL COSTS PASSED ON TO END USERS VIA HIGHER FUEL PRICES. PROBLEM OF HOW TO SHARE COSTS OF BUILDING ADDITIONAL MARINE BUNKER STORAGE IF CURRENT CAPACITY NOT JUDGED TO BE SUFFICIENT NEEDS FURTHER STUDY BEFORE US CAN FORMULATE A POSITION. GENERAL US VIEW IS THAT NON-IEP SHIPPING SHOULD BE BUNKERED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON BASIS OF HISTORICAL PATTERNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERALL IEP APPROACH TO NON-MEMBERS DURING CRISIS. KISSINGER

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